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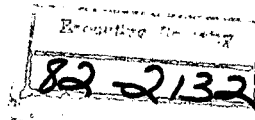
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Honorable William J. Casey
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Dear Bill:

Thank you for sharing the paper from [redacted] of your General Counsel's office on actions to overcome industrial base weaknesses. I was particularly struck with the opening paragraph: "A nation which lacks access to means of defense production will not survive; a nation which has access only to means of defense production controlled by other nations may survive, but it will not retain its independence." How true!

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I believe we see an emerging consensus in the public and private sectors that it is time to rebuild our industrial structure. The solutions, as [redacted] points out, are not always without cost. Some can be handled within the national security community, and some depend upon initiatives of the private sector and other government agencies. We will press on to bring these about.

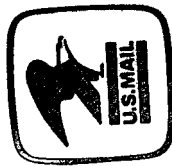
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Sincerely,

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